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CONSIDERATIONS *relating to the intended Duties on* PAPER, *humbly Submitted to the Honourable Houſe of Commons.*

THE Duty upon Paper (which, before the laſt War, was but Five *per Cent.*) hath ſince, by ſeveral Additional Duties, been Advanc'd to Twenty, and hath prov'd a great Hindrance to the Printing of many Valuable Books.

The now intended Additional Duties upon moſt Sorts will amount to Thirty, but upon no Sort leſs than Twenty *per Cent.* and will, in great meaſure, Suppreſs the Printing of all Uſeful Books, and be a great Diſcouragement to Learning.

The Different Rates Propos'd upon one and the ſame Denomination of the like Sorts and Sizes of Paper, will cauſe inſuperable Difficulties in Collecting the Duties (the Niceſt Judges being ſcarce able to Diſtinguiſh between a Fine and Second Paper :) Therefore 'tis humbly Hop'd the intended Duties will be Laid alike upon each Sort of Writing Paper of the ſame Size ; The rather, becauſe the Quantities of Fine Paper Imported are much Leſs than the Seconds : And that a Diſcount for Prompt Payment ſhall be allow'd on theſe Duties, as uſual.

☞ If this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit to Lay the ſaid Duties, 'tis humbly Pray'd, That Stock in Hand may be Exempted from the ſame, by reaſon of the future Hardſhips that will attend the Traders in thoſe Goods ; It being impoſſible at preſent to Advance the Prices in Proportion to the intended Duties, beſides, great part of the ſaid Stock conſiſts of ſuch Sorts as are Unvendible, which in the Courſe of Trade they are Obliged to take, and cannot be Sold, but at very great Loſs.

All which is humbly Submitted to the Wiſdom of this Honourable Houſe.

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